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SUBJECT: ICAF VISIT

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1. ORIGINAL ICAF PLANNING ENVISIONED VISITING THREE WEST AFRICAN STATES LARGELY LIMITED TO VISITS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS. SUBSEQUENTLY, VISITS TO NIGERIA AND AS AN ALTERNATIVE THE IVORY COAST PROVED INFEASIBLE. EXPANDED VISITS TO SENEGAL AND GHANA ENVISIONED A MORE IN-DEPTH LOOK AT THE TWO COUNTRIES WITH ITINERARIES INCLUDING OUT OF TOWN TRIPS.
2. PRESENT AIRLINE SCHEDULES REQUIRE EITHER AN 1105 AM DEPARTURE TUESDAY 20 MAY (THREE WORKING DAYS, THURSDAY 15 MAY, FRIDAY 16 MAY AND MONDAY, 19 MAY) OR A THURSDAY 1105 AM DEPARTURE 22 MAY (FIVE WORKING DAYS). SATURDAY 18 MAY WAS ASSUMED A NON-WORKING DAY BECAUSE OF INCONVENIENCE TO AND PROBABLE NON-AVAILABILITY OF HOST GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALS.
3. OBVIOUSLY YOUR ON-SCENE JUDGEMENT AND GOG DESIRES ARE

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PARAMOUNT IN DEVELOPING PLANS FOR THE ICAF VISIT. SHOULD

THE FIVE-DAY OPTION MENTIONED ABOVE BE APPROVED, ICAF HAS PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY INDICATING THEIR PREFERRED AREAS OF INTEREST WHICH MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY

COMMENT ON THIS ITINERARY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY: ARRIVE 1730 VIA WT 934. EVENING AS APPROPRIATE.

THURSDAY, 15 MAY: A.M. COUNTRY TEAM PRESENTATION; P.M. MEETING/DISCUSSION WITH GHANA MINISTRY OF FINANCE, MINISTRY OF TRADE, COCOA MARKETING BOARD. MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR DEBRAH WOULD BE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED IF EMBASSY BELIEVES APPROPRIATE.

FRIDAY, 16 MAY: A.M. TOUR AKOSOMBO DAM FACILITIES. VISIT AKOSOMBO TEXTILE CORP.; LUNCH VOLTA HOTEL; P.M. TOUR VOLTA ALUMINUM FACILITY. TOUR OF PORT OF TEMA AND RETURN TO HOTEL.

SATURDAY, 17 MAY A.M. TOUR OF CITY OF ACCRA. P.M. FREE AFTERNOON.

SUNDAY, 18 MAY: A.M. TRAVEL TO TAKORADI VIA BUS WITH GUIDE AND APPROPRIATE STOPS. P.M. FREE; RON: HOTEL ATLANTIC

MONDAY, 19 MAY: A.M. TOUR HARBOR. APPRECIATE MEETING WITH TIMBER MARKETING BOARD OFFICIALS. TOUR AND DISCUSSION WITH MANAGEMENT OF TIMBER FACILITIES. P.M. TOUR/BRIEFING FIRESTONE FACILITY; RON: AS APPROPRIATE.

TUESDAY, 20 MAY: TOUR/BRIEFING ASHANTI GOLD FIELDS (IF POSSIBLE) AND TRAVEL TO KUMASI. RON: AS APPROPRIATE.

WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY: A.M./P.M. TOUR KUMASI. AUDIENCE WITH ASANTEHENE IF POSSIBLE. TOUR KENTE WEAVING AND STOOL VILLAGES IN AREA. FLY KUMASI TO ACCRA - GM 901 DEPT 1630 - ARR 1700. RON.

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THURSDAY, 22 MAY: A.M. TOUR JAMESTOWN HARBOR; 1105 DEPART VIA BR 362 FOR LONDON

AT ALL INDUSTRY VISITS GROUP WOULD APPRECIATE MEETING WITH SENIOR MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS FOR BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION IF AVAILABLE. GROUP WOULD DESIRE TO HOST COCKTAIL PARTY ON THURSDAY EVENING 15 MAY OR WEDNESDAY 21 MAY. CATERED PARTY IN PRICE RANGE OF \$150-200 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE

WITH EMBASSY AND GHANIAN OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE.

4. NEITHER DEPT NOR ICAF WISHES TO IMPOSE ANY UNDUE
BURDEN ON EITHER GOG OR EMBASSY PERSONNEL; HOWEVER, THE

FIVE WORKING DAY OPTION IS DESIRED IF IN YOUR JUDGEMENT
FEASIBLE AND ACCEPTABLE TO ALL CONCERNED.

5. ADVISE SOONEST. KISSINGER

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